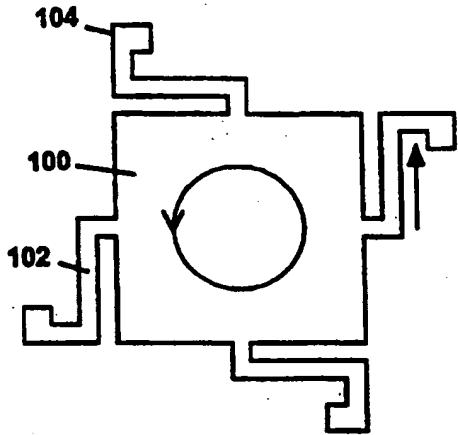


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1. Claims: 1-15,23,24

An interferometric modulator comprising a cavity defined by two walls wherein the first wall is movable relative to the second wall and within the plane of the first wall

2. Claims: 16-18

Interferometric modulator comprising three walls and control circuitry for driving at least one of three walls

3. Claims: 19-20

an interference modulator comprising spacers mounted to form part of one of the walls

4. Claims: 21,22,25

Interference modulator comprising means to control the response time of the modulator

5. Claim : 26

Interferometric modulator comprising a charge deposition mitigating device

6. Claims: 27-32

An interferometric modulator, comprising walls and a support and at least one of the walls or the support comprising at least two materials

7. Claims: 33-38,44-48

A method of etching and patterning a microelectromechanical structure

8. Claims: 39-43

a method of making arrays of microelectromechanical structure on a production line

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